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Serial No. 10/691,677

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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached is our Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 27, 2005 regarding the above-referenced patent application.

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Applicant: Rick Ward, et al.

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Title: SELF-ATTACHING FEMALE FASTENERS AND METHOD OF  
FORMING FEMALE FASTENER ELEMENTS

Attorney Docket No.: 60,152-991

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Restriction and Election Requirement mailed May 27, 2005. In response to this Requirement, the Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-16 drawn to a method of forming a fastener. The Applicant further respectfully traverses this Requirement on the basis that the claims of Group I drawn to a method of forming a fastener will necessarily result in the claims of Group II drawn to a fastener and a search conducted by the Examiner regarding the patentability of Claims 1-16 will be identical to a search of the patentability of Claims 17-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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